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NOVEMBER 15, 1905.

RUSSIA ON VERGE OF ANOTHER UPHEAVAL—STATE OF WAR AT VLADIVOSTOK PRESIDENT TAKES VERY EMPHATIC STAND ON RAILROAD SUPERVISION

SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic Wednesday, November 15, 1906.

THE WEATHER

FAIR TO-DAY. Porecast for St. Louis and Vi-cinity Fair to-day, rising temper-ature; south to west winds. For Missouri-Fair and warmer to-day, fair to-morrow.

Yesterday's Conditions. Weather-Cloudy in the for-noon; clear in the evening Tem-perature-Maximum, 2 degrees at 5 p. m., minimum, 25 degrees at 5 s. m. Wind-Direction, north-east to southeast, maximum veloc-ity, 12 miles an hour at 7 a. m. Predictation-None. Humidity-Maximum, 15 per cent at 7 a. m. Maximum 54 per cent at 7 a. m

Surrise 6.42 sunset 6.45 length of day 10.39 most rises 7.41 last quarter, November 15, new most. November 35, first quarter, he-cember 1 full most, December 11.

Forecast for Year-By States. Washington, Nev. 14.—Forecast; Indiana and Illinois—Fair and warmer on Wednesday; Thursday fair; brisk southwes

Arkunsas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory on Western Texas Fair Wednesday and Thursday. lows Fair Wednesday and Thursday; warm Wetnesday in central and east portions. Kansas and Nebraska-Fatr Wednesday and

Eastern Tesas-Fair Wednesday and Thursday, light west to southwest winds. FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

1. New York Insurance Inquiry. Sees Mother Burn to Death. Rosevelt on Railway Raics. The late of Pines Secretes. Warrant for Lawson's Arrest. Disturbances in Russia.

2. Arbitrary Cuts Save a Million. Pardy Confers With Colonel Dyer. Special Counsel in Terminal Case.

S. Robbers Refuse Woman's Money. Cries for Aid as Acid Burns. 6. Pleads Guilty to Killing Father. Admits Riding a Mail Pouch.

A. Federal Court Arrangements. French Dock Yarda Strike. PART II. 1. Woman's Household Corner.

Menn for Thanksgiving Dinner. Price of Turkeys to Advance. 2. Sterling Sent to Workhouse.

Worker's Plight Scarce Crowd. 4. Senator Burton's Demurrer. S. Rallroad Workers Make Protest.

A. Status of People's U. S. Bank. Fined for Hitting Miss Keithley. Miss Dixie Tuttle Is Indicted. WANT ADS.

New Corporations on Page 6, Part 2. Denth Notices and Amusement ments on Page 2, Part 1. Time Ta-

New treaty to recede Lorraine to France for Dahomey and Cameron Hinterland proposed by German paper. PAGE 2, PART 2 | and was very frank in nia explanations. The Isle of Pines secodes from Cuba and organizes government as territory of PAGE 1. PART 1. WASHINGTON.

Moody will retain special counsel to assist District Attorney Dyer in case PAGE 3. PART 1 against Terminal Received emphatically outlines attitude i CITY AND SUBURBAN.

trict Attorney Dwer and former Attorney General Crow of Missouri hold long conference regarding proposed action against PAGE 2 PART 1

Chef prepares Thanksgiving menus for St. Louis bousewives, PAGE 1, PART 2 Turkey market is firm, but prices are expected to advance ? cents before

errangements in St. Louis expected to visit of examiner of Department of Justice. PAGE & PART 1

Albert Wild pleads guilty to killing his father in Belleville. PAGE & PART 1. Miss Dixie Puttle of Mexico, Mo., is inlisted on charge of sending improper let PAGE & PART 2 trouworker working at great height on new Grand-Leader building nearly falls. PAGE 2 PART 1 Wholesale dry goods merchants estimate sales at \$1 100 am PAGE 2 PART 2 Keithley, is fined PAGE & PART 2 John V. Jones confesses to riffing a mall Property ewners of East St. Louis are

opposed to granting franchises to electric PAGE & PART L Attorney General Hadley asks Clayton Court to compel receiver of People's Bank ing Company.

PAGES, PART 2 Explosion in Corwin H. Spencer's garage PAGE 1 PART 1 Norrine Hudspeth, it staggers into drug store after swallowing and and cries for Judge VanDevanter may overrule de-

marrer filed by Burton, PAGE 4 PART 2. Mrs Elizabeth Habeneck was burned to death in sight of daughter, who barely escaped from dwelling. PAGE 1. PART 1. GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Four polite robbers hold up agent and

eight drummers at Gallatin Junction, Mc., decline woman's money, PAGE & PART 1. Warrant charges Thomas W. Lawson PAGE L PART L with criminal libel. RAILROADS.

Railroad workers protest to Room against rate legislation. PAGEL PART 1 debenture bonds. PAGE L PART 2 Arbitrary reductions will save St. Louis merchants and manufacturers \$1,000,000 a PAGE L PART 1

St. Louis Association Pootball League is reorganized with Doctor A. Murray as PAGE & PART L Captain Vanderboom of Wisconsin football tours breaks his arms while practicing for hig Michigan game. PAGE 4 PART L Fito Fine wine Beldame Handleap from Listless at Aqueduct. PAGE 4. PART I. Central High cancels game with Kemper PAGE & PART L

EQUITABLE'S SECRETS ARE RELATED BY HYDE; HALF MILLION SLUSH FUND

Former Vice President Says | LOUISIANA GOVERNOR \$685,000 Was Used to Buy Off Suits, Purchase Stock, and Give to Politics.

HARRIMAN AND FRICK SCORED. . ana Insurance company, under the

Witness Says These Men Tried to Get Him Out of Country, and That the Report of the Latter's Committee Was Conspiracy.

• ODELL SAVE COMME ODELL SAYS OTHERS GOT

MONEY JUST AS HE DID. New York, Nov. 14.—Former ♦ Governor Benjamin B. Odell Jr. ♦ was asked to-night about the • statements made on the stand by • • James Haren Hyde that he had • • been paid by the Mercantile Trust • • Company \$75,000 to make up his ship-building losses. Mr. Odell sald:

"They paid Kavanaugh, didn't • • they? And Mrs. Wood and other • shipbuilding bondholders? They · paid me just like they paid others." • "It's not true-they came to me.

I did not go to them. I had sold • my bonds long before this settlement, and, what is more, I sold them at 28, and you can figure out • for yourself what I got for them. They cost me originally \$100,000, and, to give you the exact sum that 4 they brought me, I got \$15,000 for . • them. That was long before I was • paid this \$75,000. "I'm ready at any time to go on

the stand and testify, and I'm . · ready now; I'll give the entire his-E *****************

New York, Nov. 14 - James Hazen Hyde. former vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, whose resignation followed the senzational disclosures in that company last spring which led to the investigation of insurance-company methods by the Armstrong Committee of the Legis-On Pages 6 and 7, Part 3. Birth, lature—the man whose presence us a wit-Morriage and Surial Re-ords and here before this committee has been looked forward to in the expectation that it would provide the greatest sensations of the investigation-appeared before

Mr. Hyde's manner on the stand was one of composure, and deliberation, and his repiles to questions from counsel were calm and deliberate, and of times studied. He was fortified with statements and data, Frequently he would become hitter in his reference to some of his associates. while his entire te-timony was of deep interest, and cleared up many points that have heretofore remained in the dark. It was not until late in the day that the sensational features of his testimony were developed.

Mr. Hyde was called to the stand shorton rate legislation. PAGE 1, PART 1. ly after the session opened this morning and he was under examination all day until a few minutes before adjournment was taken. In anticipation of his presence as a witness there was a greater crowd than has attended the sessions of the committee heretofore, and extra police were stationed in the corridor without the com-

EXPLAINS MYSTERIOUS ENTRY Mr. Hyde cleared up the matter of the \$66.00 loan of the Mercantile Trust Com-PAGE 1. PART 2 | pany, which appeared on the books of the Radical changes in Federal Court room | Equitable Life, under the captain of "The J. W. Alexander No. 3 account."

Mr: Hyde first heard of this account in fall of 1902, when it was called to his attention by President Alexander, who eatd that he and Mr. Jordan had incurred the loan to take up stock that was being bid up to fictitious values, to the detriwere hampering the business of the so ciety, and for campaign contribution. This contribution was the one to the last carnpaign, and was asked by Mr. Frick, who suggested it for the benefit of the society To procure this money, Mr. Alexander had Mr. hivde write a letter to the president of the Mercantile Trust Company, and this letter practically placed him in the post-

Later, when the settlement of the loan was forced. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Jorraised all they could toward it. The stock purchased with part of the loan was sold to Thomas P. Ryan for \$212,000, and the balance, \$212,500, Mr. Hyde paid person-He did this because he understood that Mr. Alexander was financially em-

barrassed, and in a bitter tone said: Notwithstanding the strained relations these two gentlemen (Alexander and Jordan) I fest bound to see that the debt was liquidated by reason of the letter Mr. Alexander extracted from me." HYDES INCOME

ing that in the seven years of his connec tion with the Equitable Life and the alited only a little more than \$3,000 a year. This was figured as seven years' salary from the Equitable amounting to \$45,000 from which he deducted his losses in syndicate transactions, amounting to \$3.415, and the 2212.300 paid on the \$655.000 loan, which left a balance of ER.SA or an average annual income of \$27.607, to which was added the average income from his offices in the trust companies of Balan. Witness said he presented this statement to show that be had been misrepresented.

Of the formation of the J. H. Hyde and associates syndicate, Mr. Hyde said Mr. Alexander suggested it for the convenience of bankers.

HARRIMAN INSTIGATED POOL. Of the Sterenson Union Pacific pool, Mr. Hyde said, Mr. Harriman instigated it. dicate for five years. It was understood this was for the purpose of controlling the Union Pacific. Mr. Hyde signed the syndicate agreement at Mr. Harriman's suggestion, and talked only with Mr. Harriman in the subject. The Executive Committee was not informed of this operation, as Mr. Hyde said that Mr. Alexander did not think it necessary, and that Mr. Harriman requested that the committee be not informed of it. He said that Mr. Harriman is supposed that the committee be not think it necessary, and that he riman requested that the committee be not informed of it. He said that Mr. Har-

FOR A STATE COMPANY. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New Orleans, La., Nov. 14.-Gover-

o nor Blanchard of Louisiana, in an interview to-day announced his in-tention of presenting to the cominterview to-day announced his in-• ing Legislature a bill recommend-• ing the establishment of a Louisi-• patronage and with the backing of · the State.

• to keep in the State the vast sums of money contributed by the citi-zens of Louisiana to the life-in- surance companies of the East, to
 be used in developing State industries.

Daughter Unable to Rescue Mrs. Elizabeth Habeneck, Sixty-Six Years Old, From Flames.

OTHERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Mrs. Mueller Runs Through a Sheet of Fire to Street-Woman and Children Get Out by Rear Way.



MRS. ELIZABETH HABENECK, Who was burned to death in her home last night.

In sight of her daughter, who was now. erless to aid her, Mrs. Elizabeth Habeneck, 66 years old, of No. 229 McNair avenue, was burned to death in her home shortly after 6 o'clock last night,

Mrs. Sophia Mueller, Mrs. Hebensch's daughter, barely saved her life by dashing through a sheet of flame. Mrs. John Hill and her two children

ing, escaped by a rear stairway, All of the furniture was burned and the house almost entirely ruined. The damage

who occupy the upper floor of the build-

is estimated approximately at \$3,500. The fire is supposed to have started in the basement of the building, which is a two-story brick. Mrs. Mueller and her mother were sit

ing in the back room on the first floor when Mrs. Mueller thought she smelled wood burning. The odor seemed to come from a closet in the room. Mrs. Miller opened the closet door to b met by a mass of cracking flame that

had burned up through the floor. Mrs. Mueller ran to the foot of the stairway, gave the alarm to Mrs. Hill and then dashed back, caught her mother by the arm and ran to the side window of the room. At the window Mrs. Habeneck

collapsed, overcome by the smoke, she was immediately enveloped in flames. Mrs. Mueller fell through the window into the arms of her brother-in-iaw. John Mueller, who had just arrived from

Muclier tried to rescue Mrs. Habened whose writhing form could be seen occaelenally through the tire, but his efforts were fruitiess.

Meantime an alarm had been sent in After the firemen had extinguished the fire, the body of Mrs. Habeneck was remorgue. From there it was sent to the city undertaker.

Mrs. Mueller was severely burned about the neck, and her arms are blistered. She is in a serious condition. The building is owned by William Botte a shoe dealer, at Broadway and Allen

IGNITES GASOLINE HE HELD IN MOUTH. Boy Tries to Show Companions He

Could "Eat Fire" and Suffers From Explosion of Fluid.

attempt to show his friends that he ould eat fire, caused Dave Dillon, 15 years old and living at No. 118 North Twelfth street, to receive severe burns about the head yesterday afternoon, shortly before The lad with a crowd of company

die street. ire, and when one of them expressed doubts, the bay filed his mouth with gasoline, and, expectorating a stream, set

was at the Biddle Market. High and Bid-

ROOSEVELT FIRM FOR REGULATING RAILROAD RATES

President Says He Favors, Though Does Not Intend to Press, Laws in Matter of Overcapitalization.

ANSWERS APPEAL OF WORKERS

Members of Unions Connected With Transportation Appeal to Him to Prevent Enactment of New Rate Laws.

THEY FEAR LOSING WAGES

Executive Replies That Govern ment Regulation Will Not Decrease the Salaries of Employes, and Gives Reason for Assection.

Washington, Nov. 14.-An earnest protest was made to the President to-day against proposed railroad freight-rate legislation. The protest was filed by repreentatives of the five great labor organizations connected with railroading-the engineers, firemen, conductors, switchmen

and trainmen. The members of the delegation which called on the President represented the several organizations. They pointed out to him that railroad-rate legislation logically meant the lowering of rates.

This, they contended, will be followed by a lessening of the earning power of railroads, and, consequently, by reduction eventually of the wages of railroad em-

The delegation which called on the Prestdent came from twelve different States. and represented all of the larger systems of railroads. President Roosevelt assured the delega-

tion that it was not his purpose, or the purpose of those who favored railroadrate legislation, to do anything that might incidentally, the employes of the rail-He said it was his purpose that all

classes-railroads, shippers and employesshould have perfectly fair treatment. PRESIDENT'S POSITION.

President Roosevelt's reply was very rigorous in tone, and showed he desires to give drastic powers to the proposed rate-regulating body. He said, in part: "If you will look at my Raleigh speech and my other recent utterances you will see my principles clearly set forth.

"I have said again and again that would not tolerate for one moment any injustice to a railroad, any more than I would tolerate any injustice by a railroad. I have said again and again that I would remove a public official who improperly yields to any popular clamor against a railroad, no matter how popular that clamor may be, just as quickly as I would remove a public officer who rendered an improper service to the railroad at the expense of the cublic.

"But I am convinced that there must be an increased regulatory and supervisory power exercised by the Government over the railways. Indeed, I would like it exercised to a much greater extent than I have any idea of pressing at the mome "For instance, I would greatly like

to have it exercised in the matter of overcapitalisation. I am convinced that the 'wage fund' would be larger if there were no fictitions rapital upon which dividends had to be paid.

NOT HOSTILE TO WEALTH. "I need hardly cay that this does not mean bostility to wealth. If you gentlemen bere, in whom I believe so strongly, were all a unit in demanding that some improper action should be taken against certdin men of wealth, then, no matter whether I did or did not like those same men of wealth, I would defend then against you, no matter how much ! cared for you, and in so doing I nould really be acting in your own

"I would be false to your interes If I failed to do justice to the capitallet as much as to the wagemerker.

"But I shall act against the abuse of wealth just as against all other aboves. The outery against rate moved, a charred mass, and sent to the Wallation is of much the same character as that I encountered when I was engaged in putting through that car-coupling business or in endeavoring to secure certain legislation in which you all have ren interested, such as the employer's liability law

TO PROTECT DECENT ROADS. 'Most certainly I will join with you in resisting to the utmost any movement to decently, for I would hold that such damage was not merely to the capitalist, not merely to the wageworker engaged on the

"My aim is to secure the just and equal reatment of the public by those (I trust believe a limited number) who do not want to give it, just as much as by th larger number, who do want to give it. "All I want to any rate legislation to | fired in the direction of the imperial purto give the Government an efficient supervisory power which shall be exerrised as acrupulously to prevent injustice to the railroads as to prevent the doing

"Our endeavor to to see that big shippers who are not responsive to the desands of justice are required to do what

RUSSIA AGAIN IN THROES OF GENERAL LABOR STRIKE; MOB BURNS YLADIVOSTOK.

Chinese Quarters of Eastern City Reported to Be in Ashes, and Government Has Proclaimed State of War-American Consul Reports Harrowing Events at Eastern Fortress-Workmen Demand Light-Hour Day, Even if Revolutionary Means Are Necessary.

CZAR FEARS TO RETURN TO ST. PETERSBURG.

COUNCIL GAINS RIGHT OF

In addition to the elective repre-

of Science will be represented by .

two members, and each university

Clarence Barron, Head of Finan-

cial News Bureau of Boston,

Charges Criminal Libel.

NO SERVICE UNTIL SATURDAY

Financier Then to Appear to An-

swer Charge; Application for

e Arrest of Barron Is

Also to Be Made.

Boston, Nov. 14.-The issuance of a war-

alleged criminal libel brought by Clarence

W. Harron of Boston was ordered by

Judge Wentworth of the Municipal Court

By agreement of counsel, however, the

next, when Mr. Lawson will appear to an

Meanwhile, counsel for Lawson states,

application will be made by his client for

the arrest of Barron, also on charges of

The allegations of Barron against Law

magazine article which appeared in Oc

ober under the name of Mr Lawson, and

in various typewritten tissue market

The counter-charge grows out of alleged

libelous matter against Lawson which has

ppeared in the market slips published by

In a statement issued after the hearing

"The warrant is based on a magazine

article which appeared in October, and

upon threats and attacks in previous mag-

sine articles, and in tissues and circulars

Mr. Lawson in a statement said that the

White and Negro Pupils Fight

Till Police Disperse Crowd.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 14-A race war

etween the negro pupils of the Palmer

School, one of the public schools of this

city, and the white pupils of St. Mary's

Roman Catholic Parochial School, which

bld fair to result fatally to some of the

this afternoon, and Clarence Coustns,

pegro, was arrested, having in his pos-

Other boys had revolvers and rifles The

ight occurred in front of Palmer School.

ON MACHINE IN OHIO

· Secretary of War William H. Taft A

• reached Hampton Roads to-day •

· aboard the United States protected ·

· vestigation to the lethmus of Pana-

ma. He talked freely this after- &

• noon of the election, particularly •

"The result in Cincinnati is a long

& step toward better municipal gov-

ernment and better local politics.

• but the victory will not be complet-

e ad for several years & machine

A intrenched in power, as to the

o ing politics with the enthusiastic

. to lie back on their cars and think

· intrenchments, and if they do not ·

. Ohio machine, can only be made to .

. give up through the earnest atten-

and unselfish desire to make it bet- &

d cruiser Columbia after a trip of in-

MUST NOT BE DROPPED.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 14-

thirty-five rounds of ammunition.

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TAFT SAYS THE FIGHT

batants, was quelled by the police

the bureau of which Mr. Earron is the

wer to the charge against him.

sheets circulated by Mr. Lawson

to-day. Mr. Earron said:

seued by Mr. Lawson."

to-day.

• by a professor, to be elected by

4 two Executive boards

• the Professorial Council.

INITIATING LEGISLATION.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.-Accord-

ing to the project for the reorgani-

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15 .- In view POOGOGO of condemnation to death of many of the sailors who mutinied at Cronstadt, the delay in carrying out the reforms outlined in the imperial manifesto, the proclamation of mar- • zation of the Council of the Emtial law in Poland and other re- pire that body will have the right pressive acts, the Council of Work
to initiate legislation, as well as to pass upon measures of the men's Delegates has decided to proclaim a general strike throughout o case of a disagreement between the Russia to-day.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.-A state of | sentation of land owners, orthodox war has been declared in Vladivostok. • nonconformist and nonchristian Private advices say that the Chinese | clergy and Hourse committees alquarter has been entirely destroyed of Science will be represented by and that the uprising is now under

Tiflis, Nov. 14.-It is reported that in the government of Erivan, 700 Armenians from a number of villages attacked the Tartar village of Gors, killed 400 of the villagers and plundered and burned all property.

MOB AT VLADIVOSTOK KILLS, PILLAGES AND BURNS

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.-The upheava in Russia, following the promulgation of the reform manifesto, has now reached Vladivostok and Yeniseisk and other exreme points of the Empire.

Confirmation has been received from various sources of the reported uprising at Vladivostok, where the condition of affairs is quite critical. Many persons have been killed, and the foreigners have taken refuge on the ships in the harbor Many public buildings, stores and houses

have been pillaged and set fire to by the The American Embassy has received from Consul Greener, at Vladivostok, de-

tails of the outbreak which began Sunday country, or, afternoon, immediately after the departur of the Russian cruisers Gromboi and Rossia. crowds in the streets became excited by

inflammatory speeches. Many soldiers and satiors were also in an angry mood, having expected to go home with the squad-The mob began to break windows and

pillage, and then set fire to the theater, the Golden Horn Hotel, to several blocks of Chinese buildings in the northern part of the city, and to the officers' residence and other buildings in the eastern quar-

The fires burned all night. Sevents buildings were consumed. Troops were summoned to restore order, and fired fre quent volleys killing many persons. Just before the American Consul tele graphed to-day the commandant of the fortress of Vladivostok, assisted by priests and the leaders of the workmen's organizations, addressed the mob, urging them to keep the peace, but the Consul said he feared the attempt would be in vain. Mr. Greener added that twenty-four merchant vessels in the harbor were now crowded with inhabitants. The Consul was on board a steamer when he sent his dispatch, and expects to remain there

FRISCO CABLE CONFIRMS

VLADIVOSTOK UPRISING. San Francisco, Nov. 14.-A dispatch from Vladivestok, dated to-day, received by the Merchants' Exchange, says: RACE WAR AT SPRINGFIELD.

"Serious riots are in progress. The miltary has been called out. Great destruc tion has been caused by fire." The dispatch is from Captain Gilboy of the American steamer Centennial, one of the seized vessels recently released by the Japanese, which arrived at Vladivostol November 12

ODESSA RECEIVES NEWS OF MASSACRE; 100 KILLED.

Odessa, Nov. 16.-News has reached here of fresh disorders in the small towns of Krivolrog in the Government of Ekateriroslav in which more than a hundred perons were killed, and the town was sacked and half-burned. Three influential Jews left Odessa for St. Petersburg to-day to present to the Council of Ministers a full ecount of the outbreak at Odessa, supported by documentary evidence.

CZAR DOES NOT DARE GO TO ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14 - Emperor Nicho las and the Russian court will not come time ago it was announced that the Emperor was about to return to the Winter Palace, in an annex of which Count Witte | in Ohio, saying: had installed himself, but his Majesty has now decided to go from Peterhof back to Tsarskoe-Selo, where he has been living for almost two years, with the exception of the last months spent at Peter-

blessing the waters last January, when the Emperor narrowly escaped death, owing to a mysterious charge of grape being ty by a saluting battery, the Emperor has not stepped inside the Winter Palace for more than eighteen months His decision not to come to the capital

is regarded as unfortunate not only for | they have won a lasting victory. its moral effect, but because it keeps surrounded by court influences, and out of close, immediate touch with Count of follow up their success they will o Witte, who at the present time should o find the old machine as strong as o have daily, almost hourly, conferences

ISLE OF PINES SECEDES FROM

Citizens Issue Declaration of Independence and Organize Government As United States Territory.

NEARLY ALL ARE AMERICANS.

Hold Election to Choose Legisla ture, the Only Political Question Being to Keep Island Under Stars and Stripes.

NOTICE SENT TO PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt Notified That People Hold Themselves as Citizens of the Union and Look to Him for a "Square Deal."

SPID TAL BY CARLE Havana, Nov. 14. (Copyright, 1906.) Resdents of the lale of Pines have issued a declaration of their independence from

'uba and organized a new government as a United States territory A delegate to Congress will be sent to Washington in order to have questions affeeting the future of the island discussed before the House of Representatives, ig-

norting Cuban authority. Mass meetings were held under the name of territorial conventions. and officials were appointed to fill all positions except those that must be named by the President under the Constitution of the inited Mates

The first officers of the new territory tre: T. H. Anderson, Secretary of Mate, James M. Steere, treasurer; Bit C. Ryon slegate to Congress; A. T. Priese, Chief Justice: David II. Wall, Sheriff. ELECTION HELD TO SELECT

MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE. The convention divided the teland into five districts, and ordered elections to be hed to-day to select members of the Legislature, which is to convene next k tar ticket was named in each district, the only political question being to keep the rant for the arrest of Thomas W. Lawson in connection with a suit for damages for

sland under the Stars and Stripes manner under the forms of law, the mer on the different tickets announcing that they will take office immediately without egard to those serving under the Culmu Government.

warrant will not be served until Saturday The first official notice of the affair is contained in this letter

Meva Gerona, lale of Pines, Nov. 14, 1906 Theodore Roosevelt, President. Washington Lear Sir: The people of this island, having purchased homes under the treaty of Paris, believing it was United States territory, and having walted over son are based upon statements made in a three years for recognition of their rights as American citizens, fearing a continuation of these conditions and feeling slarm at the condition of Cuba during the coming election, have taken preliminary steps for the establishment of a territorial gov ernment under the Constitution of the United States, believing this the proper step for us to take and the most effective way to receive justice and equity from our national lawmaking body, also relying upon you, our President, for a square

> "We trust our action will meet your approval. Yours respectfully. "T B ANDERSON.

"Chairman Territorial Convention." ENTIRE POPULATION IN PAVOR OF THIS STEP.

present action was an echo of a civil suft for \$100,000 damages for libel, brought against him by Barron in 1900, and not yet This action by the convention is said to represent the opinion of practically the entire population of the Isle of Pines At meeting there was only one voice raised against the action taken. was by a man who expressed four of the results, asserting that all are liable to

Fully one-third of those now living on the laland are American citizens. There has been a steady immigration from the United States, while many natives have left there since the spanish War, coming to Cuba About half the natives remaining live to

the little town of Nueva Gerona. Their into the United States. Their opposition to the Cuban administration was shown by the fact that at the primaries practically Il inscribed themselves as laborals 'ube was fumented by the American Club, an organization including most of the betantial citizens of the Island Misty

members of the club met last Manday, do. clared themselves a territorial gonvention and took afone to organize a government A recess was taken until faturday ROOT, WOOD AND OTHER AMERICANS DENOUNCED. More than 26 persons gathered at Nueva

Gerona. A very large number of Amer lean women are living on the laland and they loudly applaud the sentiment uttered repeated! by the President, that, after the late of Pines had become United States territory, none had a right to sell it to enother country. Mr. Eithu Hoot. Gen eral Leonard Wood and others con in having the Cuban banner raised

It was decided to have a Legislature of eleven men, two from each district, a one delegate at large, Doctor Ramidal

"It was I'be an old-style Southe moeting all onthusiasm." said Mr & M Pearcy to-day. Mr. Pearcy is vice presicontrols 150.000 acres out of a total of about 700 000 on the island.

"We were pleased when Cube got her

were guaranteed us. We have set up